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SUBJECT **Reported Soviet Patrols of Olsztyn County
by Motor and Armored Trains**

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1. "Because important Soviet communication lines cross the Polish territory of East Prussia, particularly the county of Olstyn, the Soviet command in Kaliningrad is empowered to send motorized patrols of army and MVD soldiers to the Polish part of East Prussia."

2. "Soviet armored trains also have the right to travel over the Polish territory. Their final points of penetration are normally: Elk, Iława, Ostrołęka, Włocławek, Toruń and Żelazowa Wola.
3. "The trains belong to a large armored train unit, consisting of:
 - (a) One heavy armored train quartered in Guriewsk [sic], near Kaliningrad. This operates on the lines of Tilsit (Tylża - now Sovietek) and to Pillau (Pillawa - now Baltiysk).
 - (b) Two light armored trains, one quartered in Ludwigsort (now Ładuszkin) and the other in Eylau (now Bagrationovsk).
 - (c) One section of armored railway 'trolleys', divided into two parts. A section is stationed with each of the light armored trains mentioned above.
4. "The armored trains usually do their patrol work at night; the trolleys patrol throughout the day and night. This frequently causes serious delays in the schedule of the normal trains of the Polish Railways using these lines.

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5. "A second large armored train unit, having an identical disposition, is also quartered in the Kaliningrad Oblast (headquarters in Tcher-niakovsk, former Insterburg). This unit does not operate on Polish territory.
6. "It is reported that both units together constitute a division and that they arrived from the Estonian and Latvian SSR in autumn 1953, to replace another division. Previously, only one Soviet armored train made patrols on Polish territory. It ran on the line Braniewo-Elblag-Malbork-Tczew."

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